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Department considers further approach King re Syria desirable at July 12 audience, although in view your own nearness King and situation Department wishes leave you final discretion such approach.

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However, Department has received unofficial information as yet not fully confirmed that King may be increasingly concerned over Communist threat. On assumption this is possibility, Department suggests following approach:

1) Despite charges US intrigue Syria, we wish assure King we have not and will not permit American representatives become involved local or regional Arab politics.

2) Our concern in area continues to be with external and internal

threat

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threat international Communism to free nations; our association with any one or number Middle East countries is based solely on desire assist meet such threats.

3) We are concerned about present situation Syria since current instability provides opportunities for extension communist influence. We believe cooperation between elements present Syrian Government and disruptive elements including Communists represents threat entire Arab world and, particularly, to countries showing steady development like Saudi Arabia.

4) King has opposed communist, other disruptive elements within Saudi Arabia yet appears particularly friendly to Government tolerating these ~~same~~ ^{same} elements within Syria. In view our long, friendly association with SAG, we raise question whether encouragement of present policy GOS in best interests SA or Arab world.

Although according your 545 June 2 other Western powers may take less serious view Syrian situation, we believe continued SAG encouragement activities present elements in Syria poses embarrassing threat our interests in area and justifies any reasonable approach.

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